

Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 03-04-20

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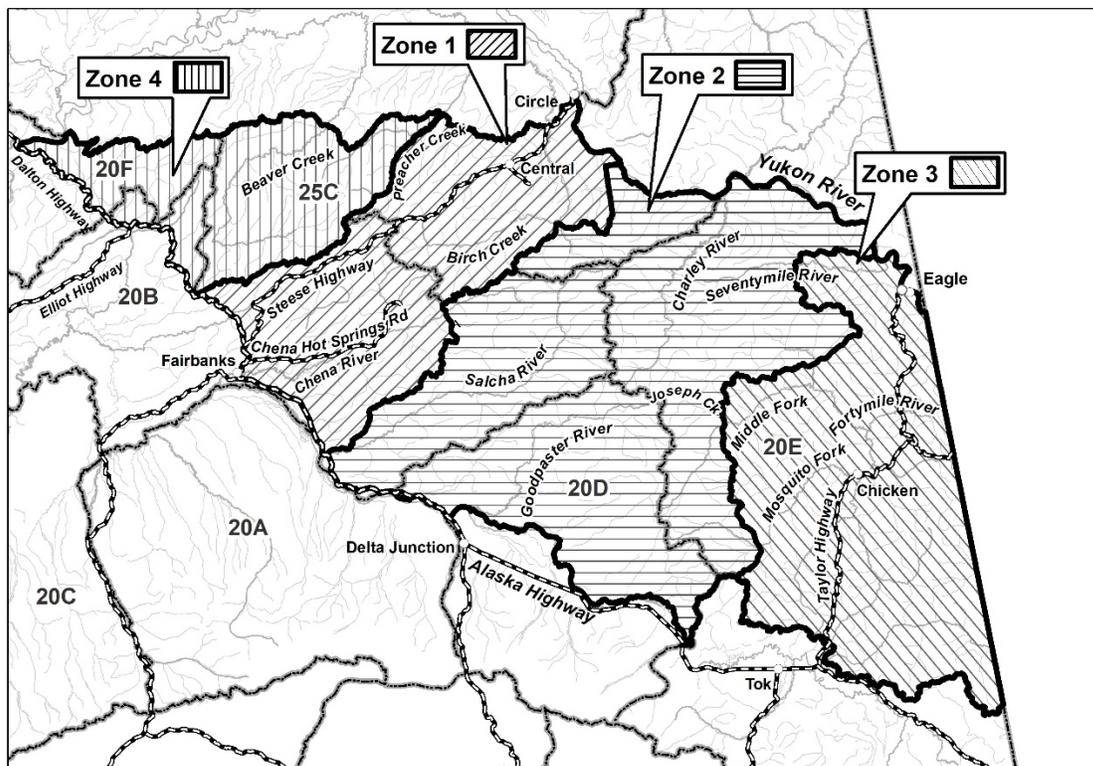
Effective Date: 11:59 P.M.
August 9, 2020

Expiration Date: June 30, 2021
unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order

EXPLANATION:

State registration permit hunt RC860 for the Fortymile Caribou Herd is divided into 4 zones. This emergency order increases the bag limit for the fall RC860 Registration Hunt from 1 to 2 caribou in all Zones of the Fortymile Caribou hunt area, located in portions of Game Management Units 20B, 20D, 20E, 20F and 25C.

No other caribou hunting regulations in Units 20 and 25 are affected by this emergency order.



REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5AAC 85.025(a)(15) and (20), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(15)		
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Units 20(B) and 20(F), those portions south of the Yukon River, and north and east of a line formed by the Richardson Highway from the Unit 20(D) boundary to its intersection with the Steese Highway, north along the Steese Highway to its intersection with the Elliot Highway, then northwest along the Elliot Highway to its intersection with the Dalton Highway, then north along the Dalton Highway to the Yukon River, and Unit 20D that portion north of the south bank of the Tanana River		
RESIDENT HUNTERS:		
1 caribou, per lifetime of a hunter, by youth hunt drawing permit only; or	Aug. 1–Aug. 21	
2 caribou by registration permit only, or 1 caribou by registration permit only;	Aug. 10–Sept. 30 Oct. 27–March 31	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:		
1 caribou, per lifetime of a hunter, by youth hunt drawing permit only; or		Aug. 1–Aug. 21
1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 10–Sept. 30
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Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
Unit 20(E)		
RESIDENT HUNTERS:		
1 caribou, per lifetime of a hunter, by youth hunt drawing permit only; or	Aug. 1–Aug. 21	
2 caribou by registration permit only, or 1 caribou by registration permit only	Aug. 10–Sept. 30 Oct. 27–Mar. 31	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:		
1 caribou, per lifetime of a hunter, by youth hunt drawing permit only; or		Aug. 1–Aug. 21
1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 10–Sept. 30
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(20)		
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Unit 25(C)		
RESIDENT HUNTERS:		
1 caribou, per lifetime of a hunter, by youth hunt drawing permit only; or	Aug. 1–Aug. 21	
2 caribou by registration permit only, or 1 caribou by registration permit only;	Aug. 10–Sept. 30 Oct. 27–Mar. 31	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:		
1 caribou, per lifetime of a hunter, by youth hunt drawing permit only; or		Aug. 1–Aug. 21
1 bull by registration permit only		Aug. 10–Sept. 30
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All other caribou hunting regulations in Units 20 and 25 are not affected by this emergency order.

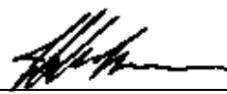
JUSTIFICATION:

Based on indices of poor nutritional condition and population models the Fortymile caribou herd is in a decline due to reduced nutritional status caused by overgrazing of its range. To

decrease the potential for additional long-term impacts to the habitat, this harvest strategy quickly reduces the herd to a size that will allow the nutritional condition of individual animals to improve.

The Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Plan guides harvest of the herd. The annual harvest quota is allocated seasonally: 75% to the fall hunt and 25% to the winter hunt. The fall harvest quota is further subdivided into zones within the RC860 registration hunt area, each with its own quota. The fall 2020 combined quota for Zones 1 through 4 is 5,000 caribou. Fortymile caribou are plentiful in Zones 1 and 4, and we expect adequate opportunity for hunters to harvest caribou in the RC860 hunt area.

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Commissioner

By delegation to: 

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